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SUBJECT: IRAN-IRAQ--BORDER SITUATION WORSENS

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SPOADIC FIGHTING HAS AGAIN BROKEN OUT ON THE BORDER. ACCORD-
ING TO THE IRANIAN PRESS, THE RENEWED FIGHTING, INVOLVING
ARTILLERY, MORTARS, AND POSSIBLE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT CAUSED "HEAVY
CASUALTIES" ON BOTH SIDES. THE TEHRAN DAILY KAYHAN CLAIMED THAT
SCATTERED FIGHTING BEGAN ON MONDAY WITH ARTILLERY DUELS ALONG
THE CENTRAL BORDER AREA, AND FLARED INTO OPEN BATTLE YESTERDAY.

SOME FIGHTING HAS OCCURRED. BOTH SIDES CLAIM THAT THE OTHER
INITIATED THE BATTLE. IRAN RADIO STATES THAT IRAQ HAS LOST MORE

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THAN 80 MEN WHILE IRANIAN CASUALTIES ARE SAID TO NUMBER 13.

MOST OF THE FIGHTING APPEARS TO BE CONFINED TO AREAS NEAR THE BORDER TOWNS OF QASR-E SHIRIN AND MEHRAN, THE SCENE OF BORDER CLASHES WHICH OCCURRED EARLY IN FEBRUARY. BOTH SIDES APPEAR TO BE FURTHER REINFORCING AND RESUPPLYING THEIR BORDER FORCES.

[REDACTED] THE SHAH 25X1X6
HAS ORDERED HIS TROOPS TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF THEIR FIRE AND NOT TO CONFINE THEMSELVES TO MERELY SUPPRESSIVE FIRE.

BOTH SIDES APPEAR TO BE SEEKING TO CONFINE THE SCOPE OF THE BATTLE, AND THE BORDER FIGHTING IS NOT EXPECTED TO ESCALATE INTO OPEN WARFARE. THUS FAR, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER IRAN HAS COMMITTED MORE THAN THEIR PARAMILITARY GENDARMERIE, WHICH ARE USED PRIMARILY FOR BORDER DEFENSE, TO THE FIGHTING. E-2 IMPDET-H

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